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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of

BOWEN et al. : Group Art Unit: 3764

Appln. No.: 09/698,743 : Examiner: Unknown

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
MONITORING AND CONTROLLING
A MEDICAL DEVICE

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March 16, 2001

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Before acting on the merits of the present application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 15, line 14, with the following rewritten paragraph:

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(a)

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on March 16, 2001 with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

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